

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-57 (canceled).

58 (currently amended). A pivotable binding system mounted between a sports device extending in a longitudinal direction and a tread surface of a sport shoe, which comprises

- (a) a single binding element consisting of a lever ,
- (b) a first hinge mechanism joining one end of the binding lever to a front end of the tread surface, the first hinge mechanism including a first pivot axis extending substantially perpendicularly to a vertical plane extending in the longitudinal direction,
- (c) a body integral with or affixed to the sports device and rollingly pivotally supporting the front end of the tread surface for ~~gliding on a rolling track of the body along an arcuately curved rolling path~~ for displacing the front end of the tread surface towards the sports device along a rolling track of the body,
- (d) a second hinge mechanism joining an end of the binding lever opposite the one end to the body ~~rollingly pivotally~~ supporting the front end of the tread surface, the second

hinge mechanism including a second, stationary pivot axis extending substantially perpendicularly to a vertical plane extending in the longitudinal direction, the first pivot axis being on a higher level than the second pivot axis, and the first pivot axis being pivotable along the an arcuately curved rolling path about the stationary pivot axis from an initial rest position to a displaced position.

59 (previously presented). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, further comprising an energy storage device connected to at least one of the hinge mechanisms and biased against an upward pivoting movement of a heel end of the tread surface relative to the sports device.

60 (previously presented). The pivotable binding system of claim 59, wherein the energy storage device is a coil spring.

61 (currently amended). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, wherein the body ~~rollingly~~ pivotally supporting the front end of the tread surface defines a recess for housing a predominant portion of the binding lever, and a stop element in the recess restricts the pivoting movement of the binding lever about the stationary pivot axis.

62 (previously presented). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, wherein the first hinge mechanism is releasably joined to the front end of the tread surface.

63 (currently amended). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, wherein the binding lever extends substantially parallel to the tread surface in the displaced position, and a line connecting the first and second pivot axes encloses an acute angle with a horizontally extending plane.